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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on September 4, 2009, Applicants request entry of the following claim amendments and consideration the accompanying remarks. Applicants believe that no fees are required with this amendment. If any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter number 31725-200815.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.